Widening the roads in Andhra Pradesh

2819. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

the extent of unfinished road widening by NHAI in Andhra Pradesh;

the work to be done in Guntur district by NHAI;

the reason for such delays;

the work done during the financial year 2005-06 by NHAI in Guntur district; and

the steps proposed to be taken by NHAI to ensure quality and time schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The status of unfinished road widening by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in Andhra Pradesh is as under:

S. No.	Project	On-going Km.)	balance for award (Km.)	Likely dateof completion
1.	Golden Quadrilateral (G.Q.)	15	-	December, 2006
2.	North South Corridor	345	387	December, 2008
3.	Port Connectivity	12	-	June, 2006
4.	National Highway Development Project (NHDP)Phase-IIIA	-	285	December, 2009

(b) to (d) No NHAI project is pending in the Guntur District. A part of Ongole-Chilkaluripet section of NH-5 which has been completed in April, 2006 falls in the Guntur District.

(e) NHAI appoints reputed supervision consultant/independent consultants to ensure the execution of work as per terms and conditions of the contract, which includes time schedule as well as quality of work. Test laboratories to carry out quality control tests are established at filed

level. The contracts are regularly monitored by filed officers, NHAI Headquarter and Department of Road Transport and Highways. Quality audit through reputed institutions such as Engineers India Ltd. are also carried out on selected stretches to ensure the quality of work.

Quality of roads

2820. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that at certain places the road has already given way;

whether Government have any system of quality control on the roads built by NHAI under the four laning scheme;

the system Government possess to double check all such roads and their high engineering standards;

whether it is also a fact that not enough emphasis is being given to high quality roads; and

if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No Sir, however there have been some damages in small lengths of some newly built NH sections due to excessive rains etc. One small section of NH-6 has subsided recently during construction. An enquiry committee has been constituted for the purpose.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir, NHAI has engaged supervision consultant to ensure the quality of its roads as per IRC and MoSRT&H standards/specifications. Quality audit is also being done by Engineers India Ltd. a Govt, of India Undertaking. Overall quality of work is also monitored as a double check at construction sites by NHAI's Project implementation Units (PIUs).

(d) and (e) No Sir, a lot of emphasis is being given for construction of high quality roads.

Construction of National Highways

†2821. SHRI JAIPARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals for the construction of National Highways

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